

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by the
Minnesota Telecom Alliance Against
Qwest Communications, Inc. Regarding
Traffic Terminating from Qwest
Communications, Inc. Tandem Switches

THIRD PREHEARING ORDER

A prehearing conference was held October 11, 2004, in the Commission's small hearing room. Linda S. Jensen, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 NCL Tower, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-2131, appeared on behalf of the Department of Commerce. Richard J. Johnson, Moss & Barnett, 4800 Wells Fargo Center, 90 South Seventh St, Minneapolis, MN 55402-4129, appeared on behalf of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance. Eric F. Swanson, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A., 225 South Sixth St, Suite 3500, Minneapolis, MN 55402-4629, and Jason D. Topp, Qwest Corporation - Law Department, 200 South 5th Street, Room 2200, Minneapolis, MN 55402, appeared on behalf of Qwest Communications, Inc.

Based on the discussions during the prehearing conference, and all of the files and proceedings, the Administrative Law Judge makes the following:

ORDER

SCHEDULE

1. The following schedule is adopted:

Stipulation of Facts filed	November 1, 2004
MTA prefiled direct testimony	November 17, 2004
Qwest prefiled rebuttal testimony	December 22, 2004
Department prefiled direct and MTA prefiled rebuttal testimony	January 26, 2005
All parties prefiled rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony	February 11, 2005
Hearing	February 24, 25 and 28, 2005, 9:00 a.m., PUC Hearing rooms

PREFILED TESTIMONY AND ORDER OF TESTIMONY

2. Unless the parties agree otherwise, the order of testimony and questioning in the evidentiary hearings shall be: MTA, Qwest, intervenors in order of intervention, Department.

EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES

3. Witnesses shall be allowed ten minutes to summarize their prefiled testimony.

Dated: October 13, 2004

/s/ Steve M. Mihalchick

STEVE M. MIHALCHICK
Administrative Law Judge